

House File 461 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of regional sports
2 authorities by convention and visitors bureaus in certain
3 cities and making appropriations.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 2698HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15E.321 REGIONAL SPORTS
1 2 AUTHORITIES == APPROPRIATION.
1 3 1. As used in this section, "authority" means a regional
1 4 sports authority established under this section.
1 5 2. The department shall request the convention and
1 6 visitors bureau in each of the ten largest cities in the
1 7 state, as shown by the 2000 certified federal census, to
1 8 establish a regional sports authority.
1 9 3. Each authority shall actively promote youth sports,
1 10 high school athletic activities, the special olympics, and
1 11 other nonprofessional sporting events in the local area.
1 12 4. Each authority shall be governed by a seven-member
1 13 board consisting of four members appointed by the local
1 14 convention and visitors bureau and three members appointed by
1 15 the city council. Each board shall be responsible for
1 16 administering programs designed to promote the activities
1 17 enumerated in subsection 3.
1 18 5. For each fiscal year there is appropriated from the
1 19 general fund of the state to the department of economic
1 20 development two million dollars to be distributed to all
1 21 regional sports authorities certified by the department as
1 22 operating qualifying programs on an equal basis.

1 23 EXPLANATION
1 24 This bill relates to the establishment of regional sports
1 25 authorities and makes appropriations.
1 26 The bill requires the department of economic development to
1 27 request the convention and visitors bureau in each of the 10
1 28 largest cities in the state to establish a regional sports
1 29 authority for its community. The bill provides that each
1 30 authority shall actively promote youth sports, high school
1 31 athletic activities, the special olympics, and other
1 32 nonprofessional sporting events in the local area. The bill
1 33 provides that each authority shall be governed by a seven-
1 34 member board.
1 35 The bill provides that each fiscal year the department of
2 1 economic development is appropriated \$2 million from the
2 2 general fund of the state to be distributed to all regional
2 3 sports authorities operating qualifying programs on an equal
2 4 basis.
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